

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 24, 2014
Room 126, Hathaway Building
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Wyoming State Board of Education members present: Ron Micheli, Kathy Coon, Scotty Ratliff, Sue Belish, Ken Rathbun, Joe Reichardt, Pete Gosar, Belenda Willson, Kathryn Sessions, Richard Crandall and Walt Wilcox

Members absent: Huge Hageman and Cindy Hill

Also present: Chelsie Oaks, WDE; Julie Magee, WDE; Leighton Thomas, WDE; Laurie Hernandez, WDE; Jim Verley, WDE; Stephanie Brady, WDE; Paige Fenton-Hughes, SBE Coordinator; Diana Clapp, Fremont CSD #6, Cathrine Reeves, WDE; Lisa Glauner, Cheyenne; Mackenzie Williams, Attorney General's Office (AG)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Micheli called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Chelsie Bailey conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

Scotty Ratliff requested the Board extend a formal invitation to Jim Rose and a representative from the University of Wyoming to participate in all the Board's future work sessions and meetings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pete Gosar moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Scotty Ratliff; the motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joe Reichardt moved the same officers be re-nominated for their current offices, seconded by Sue Belish; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 5, 2013 State Board of Education meeting were presented for approval.

Scotty Ratliff moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Ken Rathbun; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer for the Board, Pete Gosar, discussed with the Board the budget review and budget revision included in the packet.

Scotty Ratliff moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with the ending balance of \$46,090.69 Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

UPDATE ON STANDARDS

Laurie Hernandez, Stephanie Brady, and Catherine Reeves presented crosswalks between the 2013 proposed standards and benchmarks and the 2008 current Wyoming Content and Performance Standards on social studies, physical education, career and vocational education.

Ron Micheli requested that the standards for social studies include more focus on the nation's founding fathers.

The Board discussed its concerns and reassurances about the Next Generation Science Standards.

Jim Verley will go back to his committee to create changes and additions to the benchmarks.

The Board agreed not to vote on the standards and look at plans during the March meeting.

STUDENTS FROM WIND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Trustee Ratliff introduced students from Wind River High School.

Ambrielle Brown, D'ette Durgin and Stephin Littlesield talked with the Board about their lives, schooling and future at Wind River High School.

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

Shelly Andrews and Julie Magee presented a PowerPoint on District Assessment.

Sue Belish requested that the 653 data collection cease.

Ken Rathbun moved to hold off on the pilot project until the 2014 legislative session ends, Sue Belish seconded; the motion carried.

INSTITUTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Jo Ann Numoto, WDE, presented five educational program services in support of Court Ordered Placement of Students.

Scotty Ratliff moved to designate Denver Children's Home, Lakebay Psychiatric Residential Treatment & Specialized Learning Center, Northern Illinois Academy, Sorenson's Ranch School, and Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center as approved facilities for court ordered placement of students and subsequent educational payments pursuant to Section 9 and 10 of Chapter 14, SBE Rules and Regulations. Kathy Coon seconded; the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Sue Belish moved that the Board direct the SBE coordinator to draft a letter that conveys the State Board of Education's position on the following issues:

Alternative Schools - support allowing districts to create alternative schools that are aligned to standards and graduation requirements and include appropriate interventions for the target population. We would suggest that the accountability model be adapted to fit the mission of alternative high schools.

Early Childhood Opportunities - support efforts to coordinate state and county efforts to provide access to quality early childhood opportunities as well as efforts to develop innovative, best practice early childhood opportunities.

Executive Director - appreciate the support we have received from the Legislature and the Governor for our SBE coordinator. We respectfully request that our request for a permanent Executive Director continue to be reviewed. We believe that there is a definite need for this position.

Math Requirement - support an increase in required math experiences for students at the high school level provided there is flexibility in the courses that are accepted for that requirement.

Statewide Assessment - revise the language about the statewide assessment eliminating prescriptive language about item types, length of assessments, and separating content areas. We would suggest inserting language that requires the assessment to be aligned to the Wyoming content standards and yet cognizant of the amount of time students are tested.

School Bus Safety- we are glad to see pending legislation that provides for more video cameras on school buses.

State Board of Education Nembership - support the idea of including the Executive Director of the Community College Commission and representative of University of Wyoming.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT

Paige Fenton Hughes, SBE Coordinator, notified the Board that Jack Patrick is retiring and his seat will need to be filled on the Advisory Committee to the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability.

Sue Belish recommended the Board send out a request for participation and a detailed letter on duties of the advisory committee to past secondary teachers of the years and secondary teachers that have received national board certifications. The Board will choose a replacement from return expression of interest forms at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Scotty Ratliff requested Paige Fenton Hughes and Chelsie Oaks coordinate a meeting with Richard Crandall to set up a summer summit.

The next board meeting will be in March.

Belenda Willson requested that a Doodle survey be sent out for the exact dates.

OTHER ISSUES, CONCERNS, DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Diana Clapp, Superintendent of Fremont CSD #6 requested the Board take a look into early childhood education legislation and the school bus safety bill that will be proposed.

Lisa Glauner, former teacher, commented in opposition of the Common Core Standards. She wanted to make sure those voices opposing the standards were being heard.

Kathryn Sessions, asked if the Board would formally support the school bus legislation. Sue Belish requested that the Board support the concept but not the actual bill.

The State Board of Education adjourned at 2:14 p.m.